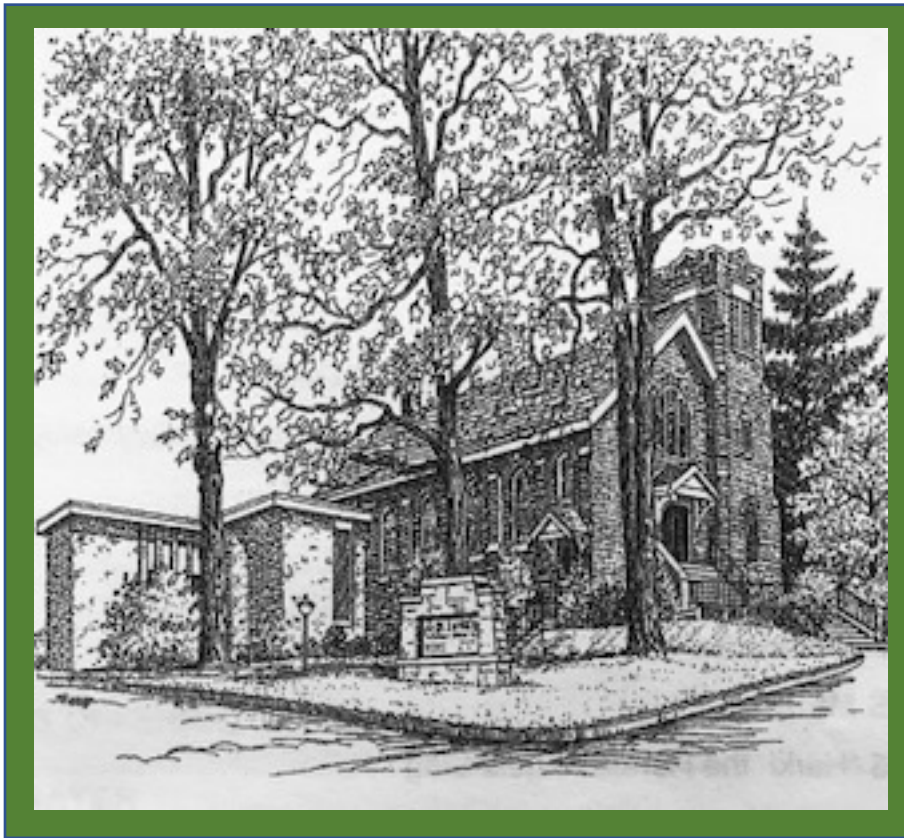


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SEPTEMBER 2022

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Church Council

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Dave Pippin

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Treasurer

Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Angela Otto

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Dwight Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

<vacant>

Interim Pastor

Rev. Joshua Pittman

All Board Meeting Minutes: Discussions regarding our deficit and 6 operating expenses, investments and the rental income. Discussed calendar of events for BOCE. Discussion on member care, Christmas Service, Bible Study & Ushers for BOE.

Search Committee: There is no new information.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh will be gone September 11, 2022. Reverend Norton will be joining us.

Church Council Minutes from July 19th: No changes needed.

Treasurers Report: There are funds in the general funds that need to be moved to the Organ Fund. As of August, we are running below the budgeted amount

Executive Committee: Nothing to report.

BOCE: Rally Day is coming, BOCE outside games, Council inside games and Elders kitchen.

Board of Elders: Angie Otto is having problems making the Church Council meeting and the Board of Elders meeting. She is only going to join the Elders and drop from the church Council.

Building and Grounds: Upstairs water fountains have been fixed.

The chimes have been repaired. They sound great!

Sewer backed us in the parsonage, got the blockage cleaned up.

Dwight Kraus talked to Kenton Ehlman about the signs at the bridge. Kenton assured Dwight that the sign will be up by Rally Day.

Rail on the corner is complete. David Pippin suggested reflective tape all around it. There is some on the front of it. It is also taller, so people can see it better.

Cemetery Report: Nothing to report.

Endowment Committee: Everything looks good on those minutes.

New Business: Church Council still needs 2 people to fill out the rest of the year. We will need 4 come January. If you are asked, please give it a second thought.

David Pippin is looking into giving online. He is hoping to have numbers and options soon.

Membership Changes:

Deaths 0

Births 08/09/2022 William Michael Lowery, weighing in at 11.3

Membership 3

Next meeting is September 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Treasurer's Report

July 2022

General Giving	\$9,849
Expenses	\$18,246
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (8,397)

YTD 2022

General Giving	\$74,533
Expenses	\$95,879
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (21,346)

Endowment

Endowment has funds available. Any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) are eligible to apply. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.

Search Committee

The Search Committee is waiting for applications to be submitted for review. At this time, there are no candidates.

Women's Circle

President

Gail Heckenberg

Vice President

Sherry Pippin

Treasurer's

Linda Schrepel
Brenda Dankel

Secretary

Earleen Stockwell

Minutes from Meeting August 4, 2022

A thank you letter was received from DRA (Disability Resource Association) for the donation they received in June 2022 from the Women's Circle.

New meeting procedures were discussed. We will go back to assigning monthly meeting hostesses. Monthly devotionals are still on a volunteer basis. The member information list will be updated.

We will participate in the Festival of Sharing again this year and decided to stay with donating personal hygiene kits.

Discussed having a blood drive possibly in September or October. More info to come at the September 2022 meeting.

Chicken dinner in October 2022 and Sausage dinner in February 2023 were discussed.

A revised funeral lunch form, procedures, and groups were discussed. A separate committee is working on this.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 1st, 2022 11:30am at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall

We hope ladies of the Church will join us as we wish to remain a vital group of St. Luke's church.

Board of Elders

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Bob Schrepel

Church Council Rep.
Angela Otto

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Highlights from August 8, 2022

2022 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 2022 Brenda Day & Bob Schrepel

Jan, Feb, March, April 2023 Michelle Perry & Julie Hartmann

May, June, July, Aug 2023 Jess McLard & Kay Moss

REPORTS: Worship: Going pretty well. Three new members will be added on Rally Day.

USHERS: Going OK. There will be an usher meeting August 14 in the sanctuary, right after the 9 am service. We can schedule a second usher meeting if needed. On communion Sundays, ushers serving communion are encouraged to wear robes, but it is not mandatory.

COMMUNION: All communion supplies are in decent shape. Because Sunday attendance is down, those who prepare the communion trays of wine/grape juice do not need to fill all cups. We need only every other one filled.

VISITOR CARE: In July we had 34 visitors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Confirmation Class: No 2022/2023 class.

Baptisms: Lacie Perry, daughter of Shane and Stacie Perry and granddaughter of Mike & Michelle Perry, on August 21.

Weddings: None

Funerals: None

OLD BUSINESS: Ushers wearing robes for communion. To be discussed at usher meeting on August 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

*At the All-Board Meeting on August 16th, we would like to discuss having a Member Care Committee, starting an Adult Bible Study Group and doing a new picture directory of members.

*Membership Task Force next steps is to begin contacting "active members" who have not participated in church this past year per our Bylaws. At this meeting we discussed a "script" which could possibly be used by Task Force members when they contact members.

*We discussed having "two new member joining Sundays" a year to help promote to visitors the idea that we are accepting new members.

*We started discussing Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday schedule but tabled it and made no firm decisions until we can coordinate better with Pastor Josh.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be September 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Board of Christian Education

Chairperson

Connie Stuckmeyer

Secretary

Chris Kraus

Church Council Rep.

Kathy Porter

Elected Members

Angela Logan

Gail Heckenberg

Sherry Pippin

Sarah Saputo

SS Superintendent

Kayla Bailey

SS Asst Super.

Brenda Farson

VBS

Jess McLard

Highlights from August 2022

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School classes in August due to low attendance and lack of volunteer teachers. We will resume on 9/11/22.

Class divisions are as follows:

Jess McLard: Preschool

Amanda Davis: K – 3rd

Chris Kraus: 4th – 7th

Confirmation Update from Rev. Pittman: No class 2022-2023

Budget: BOCE \$2500.00 VBS \$500.00

OLD BUSINESS

Credit Card Purchases for Activities

A credit card will not be issued specifically to the BOCE. We will continue purchasing items for reimbursement/donation and or using the Church credit card for larger purchases.

VBS Report – Sarah

Averaged 48 kids and 30 adults per day.

\$305.25 was collected for offering. 50% will go to Brenden's Back Pack and 50% will help with educational opportunities for children in our Church community.

There were many items donated and or purchased / submitted for reimbursement, but all expenses were roughly tracked for a total of \$1,350

Cash donations to purchase supplies totaled \$468

Reimbursements as of this time total \$675

GOODIES WITH GRANDS 09/11/22

Chrissy will update flyer from last year and create a postcard to be mailed on the back side of the Rally Day postcard.

Next Meeting 09/06/22 @ 6:30 PM

MISSION CALENDAR

1st Quarter Mission: Pony Bird

2nd Quarter Mission: Crisis Nursery

3rd Quarter Mission: Brenden's Backpack.

4th Quarter Mission: Food Drive

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

JULY 2022

Evelyn Keith, Fletcher McLard

Prayer List

***Denotes Non-member, (Names in bold are newly added)**

David Belleville
Megan Nuelle
Betty Gruenwald

Brenda Day
Robert Perry*
Claire Palmer*

Ken Eckert
Loren Stuckmeyer
Robert Samples*

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*
Alec Schrepel*

Christopher Kettler*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry
Eric Watkins

FUNERALS

Anna Deene Hays (Grandmother to Eric Kundert, Great-Grandmother to Elizabeth And Gavin Kundert) passed from life on August 4, 2022. Her funeral was in Kansas City, MO on August 19, 2022.

Audrey Marie Schutz (Sister to Betty McLard, Aunt to Amy and Gregory) passed from life on August 24, 2022 after a long struggle with pulmonary fibrosis.

May we keep all in our prayers.

Thank You!!!

- To Bob Schrepel, Cliff Rebsamen & Dwight Kraus for diagnosing the problems with the Church Chimes and replacing the drivers on all 4 speakers.
- To Bob and Linda Schrepel for graciously covering the cost of replacing the drivers on the Church chimes which were damaged from lightning. They are up and running again and sounding better than ever.
- To Terry Kohler for painting the bridge and railing and painting the sign frame on the bridge.
- To Will Glaus for donating the paint for the bridge and railing.
- To Dane Kraus for spraying weeds around the Church property.
- To Kevin and Adam Stockwell for replacing the handrail at the corner of the education building
- To Kraus Dairy Farm for providing the tractor and brush hog to cut the grass and weeds along the gravel drive.
- To all those that do things behind the scenes that keep our Church looking and functioning great.

A Note from Norville Kraus.....

I want to thank everyone who came to my 90th Surprise Birthday Party at St. Luke's. It was so nice to see everyone and share old time memories and conversations with all you special folks.

I want to especially thank my family for putting it all together to make my 90th birthday extra special. Beautiful decorations and all the wonderful food.

I'm so proud of all of them.

The Lord has blessed me with a great family and many wonderful friends.

"God Bless You All"

Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!

Anyone interested in quilts or quilting, come to church on Tuesdays anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are ready and willing to help you! Come for an hour or two, bring your lunch and stay if you want. We welcome all!

Happy Birthday

Sherri Kempf-Hill	9/1	Kevin White	9/15
Ed Magee	9/2	Samuel Lowry	9/15
Patricia Timeus	9/2	Jacob Stuckmeyer	9/15
Gary Hartmann	9/2	Gerald Hollerbach	9/17
Amy Warren	9/2	Caleb Russell	9/17
Megan Gillman	9/3	Stephanie Anthonies	9/20
Angela Farson	9/4	Dean Stockwell	9/21
Elmer Schaper	9/6	Michael Ferbet	9/21
Jana Kramme	9/6	Cynthia Anthonies	9/23
Andrea Johnson	9/7	Blakeli Nuelle	9/25
Carla Bradley	9/7	Michael Davis	9/26
Samantha Stuckmeyer	9/7	David Miller	9/27
Peyton Nash	9/7	Gwynne Elrod	9/27
Tobey Stuckmeyer	9/8	William Magee	9/28
Barbara Allen	9/11	Andrew Kraus	9/28
Ashley Perez	9/11	Peyton Seitz	9/29
Laura Harris	9/12	Eric Kundert	9/30
Gabe Schneider	9/13	Kay Olsen	9/30
Gail Lents	9/14	Chloe Jacob	9/30
Ava Carver	9/14		

AUGUST

1 st	Endowment Meeting 7PM
2 nd	BOCE Meeting 6:30 PM
4 th	Women's Circle 11:30 AM
7 th	Worship Service 9 AM – Communion Sunday
9 th	Quilters 8:30 AM
	BOE Meeting 6:30 PM
14 th	Worship Service 9 AM
16 th	Council Meeting 6:30 PM
	All Board Meeting 6:30 PM
	Quilters 8:30 AM
21 st	Worship Service 9 AM
	Lacie Perry Baptism
23 rd	Quilters 8:30 AM
28 th	Rally Day – All Church Picnic
	Teacher Appreciation Day
29 th	Beacon Articles Due
30 th	Quilters 8:30 AM

SEPTEMBER

5 th	Labor Day – Office Closed
11 th	Goodies with Grands
13 th	BOE Meeting 6:30 PM
20 th	Church Council Meeting 6:30

OCTOBER

23 rd	Falling for Jesus Festival
30 th	Chicken Dinner – Soda Sales

DECEMBER

3 rd	Santa's Breakfast
18 th	Christmas Program – Cookie Reception

FEBRUARY

19 th	Sausage Dinner
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